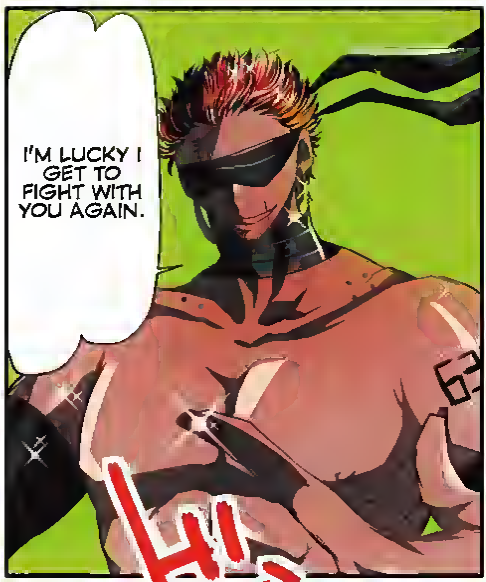
NANBAKA

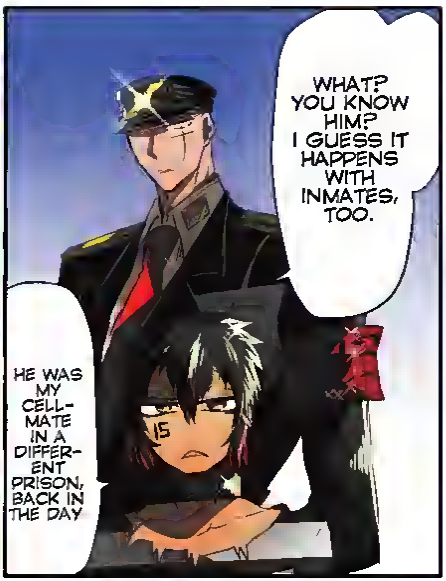
CHAPTER 22:

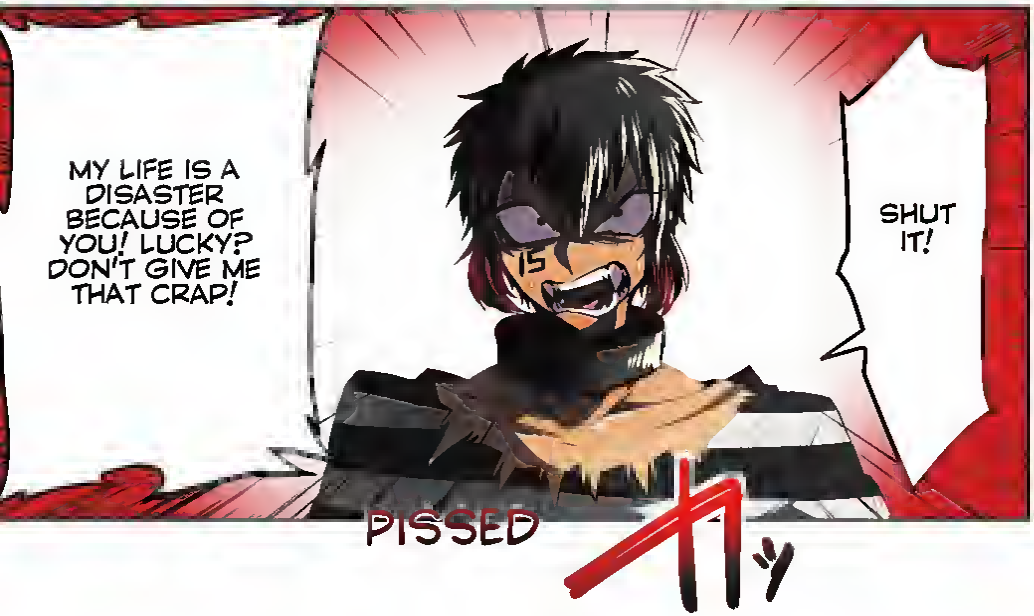
TURBULENCE!! THE NEW YEAR'S TOURNAMENT, PART 8

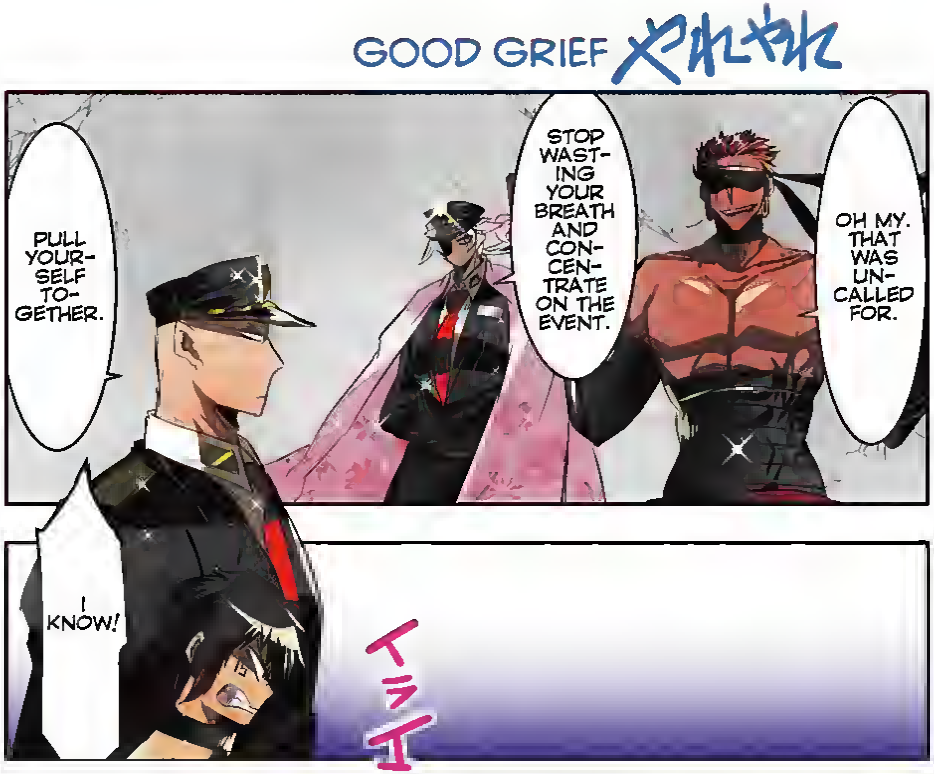
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
MUSA-SHI! YOU...

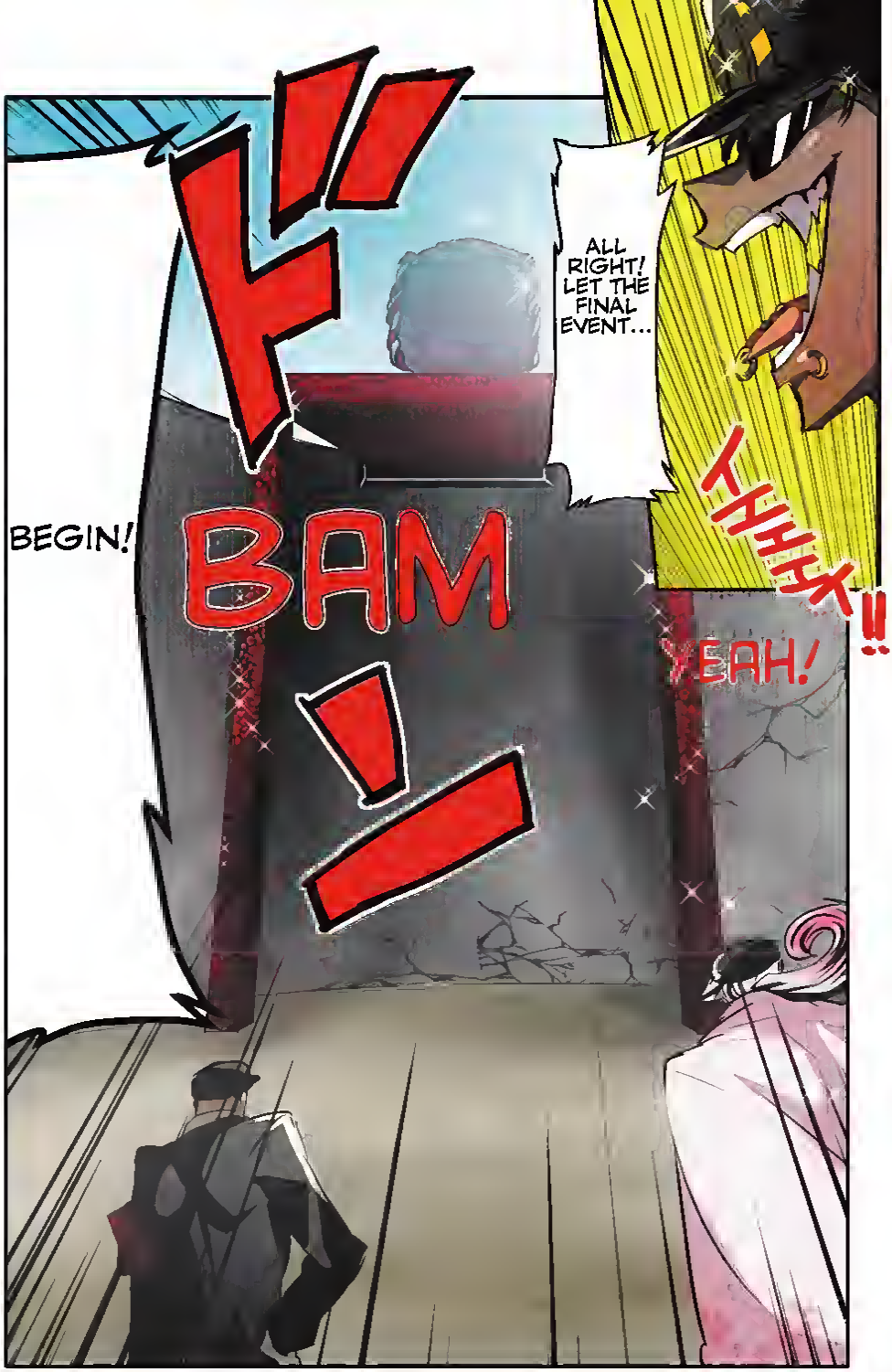
IT MEANS I'M AN "ADEQUATE" INMATE, LIKE YOU.


I'M LUCKY I GET TO FIGHT WITH YOU AGAIN.
SNAP


WHAT? YOU KNOW HIM? I GUESS IT HAPPENS WITH INMATES, TOO.
HE WAS MY CELL-MATE IN A DIFFER-ENT PRISON, BACK IN THE DAY


MY LIFE IS A DISASTER BECAUSE OF YOU! LUCKY? DON'T GIVE ME THAT CRAP!
SHUT IT!
PISSED


GOOD GRIEF
PULL YOUR-SELF TO-GETHER.
STOP WAST-ING YOUR BREATH AND CON-CEN-TRATE ON THE EVENT.
OH MY. THAT WAS UN-CALLED FOR.
I KNOW!
IRRITATED


ALL RIGHT! LET THE FINAL EVENT...
BEGIN!
BAM
YEAH!

DASH
THAT WAS MY PLAN TO FROM THE START.
INU-CHAN, LEAVE NO. 15 TO ME WHILE YOU GO TAKE CARE OF THAT.
PANG
15

WHACK
GRIP
THUNK
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
...OW.

SLIDE
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WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR FIERCENESS?
THAT FIERCENESS YOU HAD WHEN YOU DESTROYED MY EYES!
YOU'RE GETTING PRETTY RUSTY, EH, JYUGO?
THAT'S ALL IT TAKES FOR YOU TO SHRINK BACK?
GRIP
BOOM

GRAB
YOU'RE NOT GOING ANY-WHERE.
TUG

I WILL FINALLY BEAT YOU THIS YEAR
AND OBTAIN THE TITLE OF NO. 1 IN NANBA!
GRIP
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HUH?
EVER THE ANNOY-ING LITTLE DOG, AREN'T YOU?
IF YOU WANT IT TH-T MUCH, YOU CAN HAVE IT.
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YOU DON'T GET IT, DO YOU?
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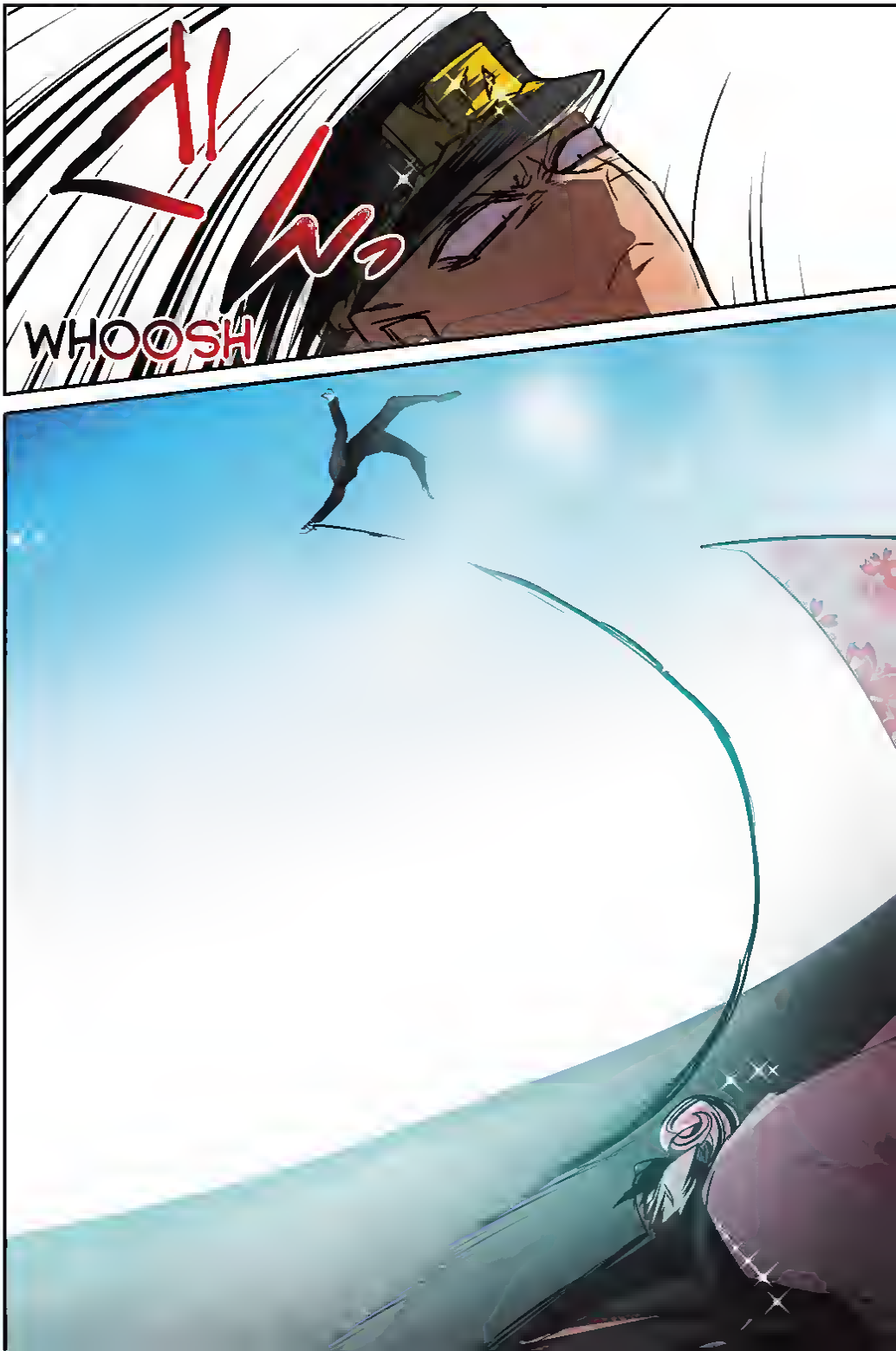
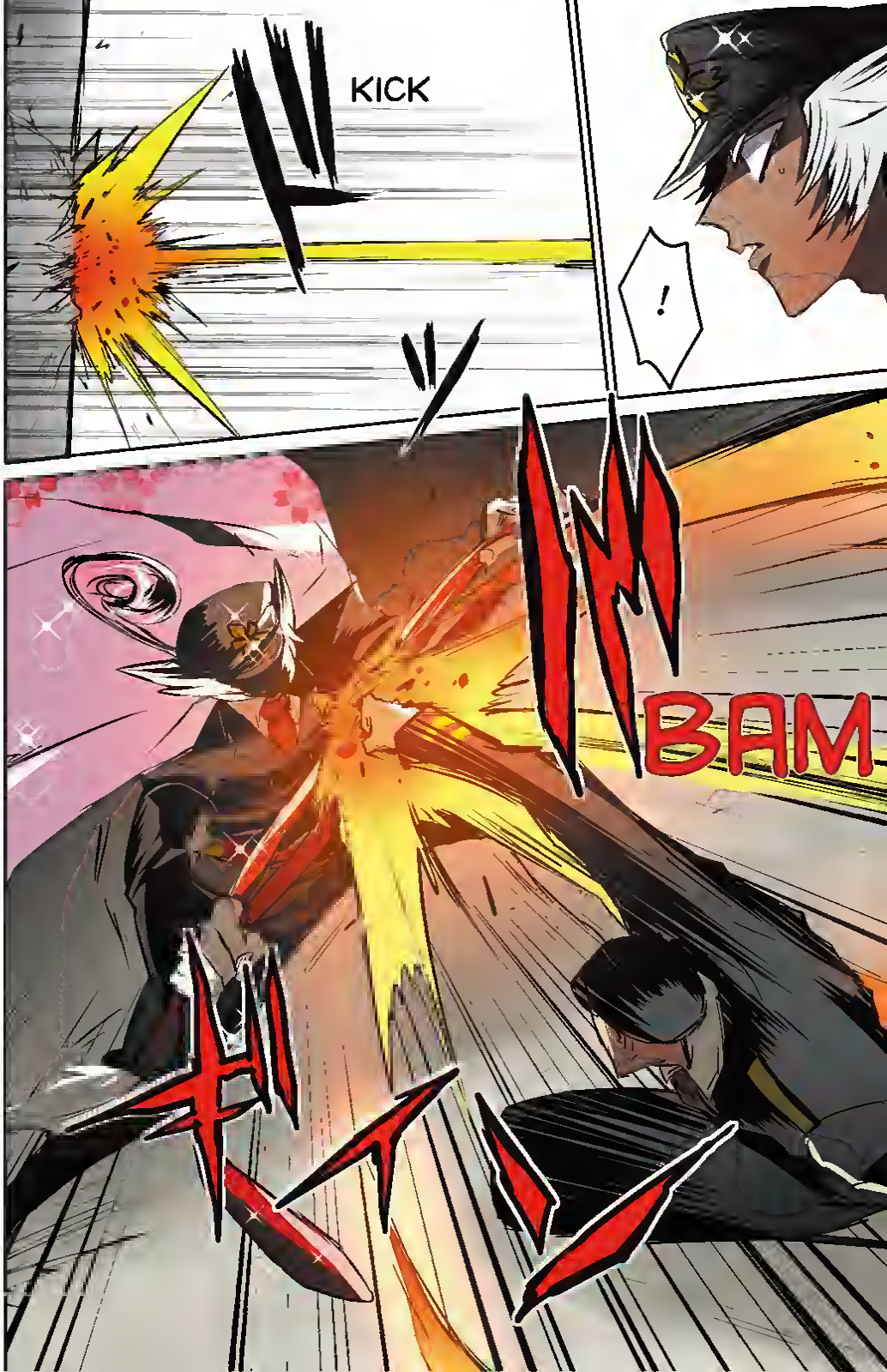
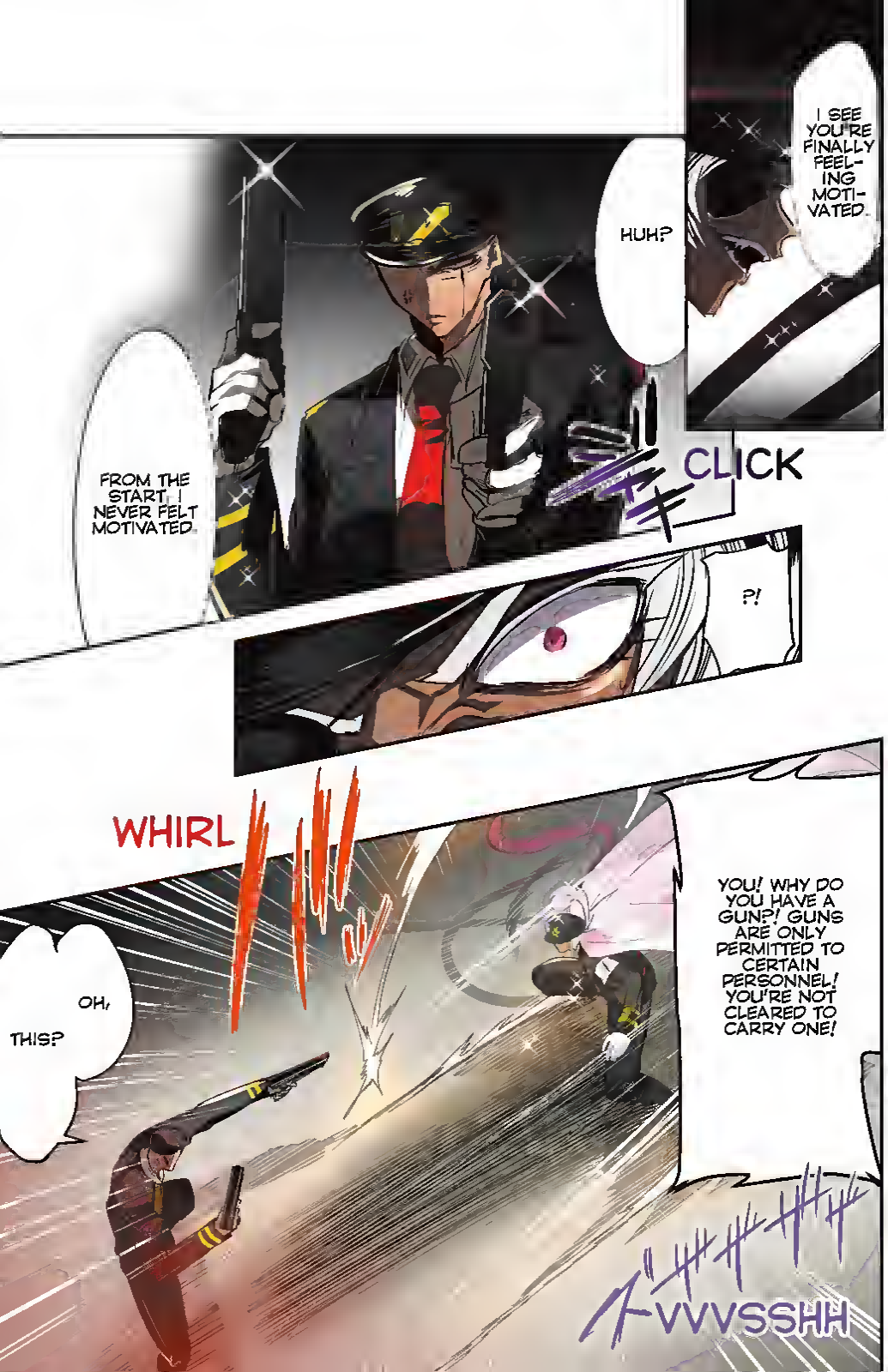

WHOOSH

SWOOSH
THE ONLY WAY SHE WILL ACKNOWLEDGE ME IS IF I BEAT YOU!!
I'M GOING TO CRUSH YOUR SKULL!
THUD
ROLL


KICK
!
BAM


I SEE YOU'RE FINALLY FEELING MOTIVATED.
HUH?
CLICK
FROM THE START, I NEVER FELT MOTIVATED.
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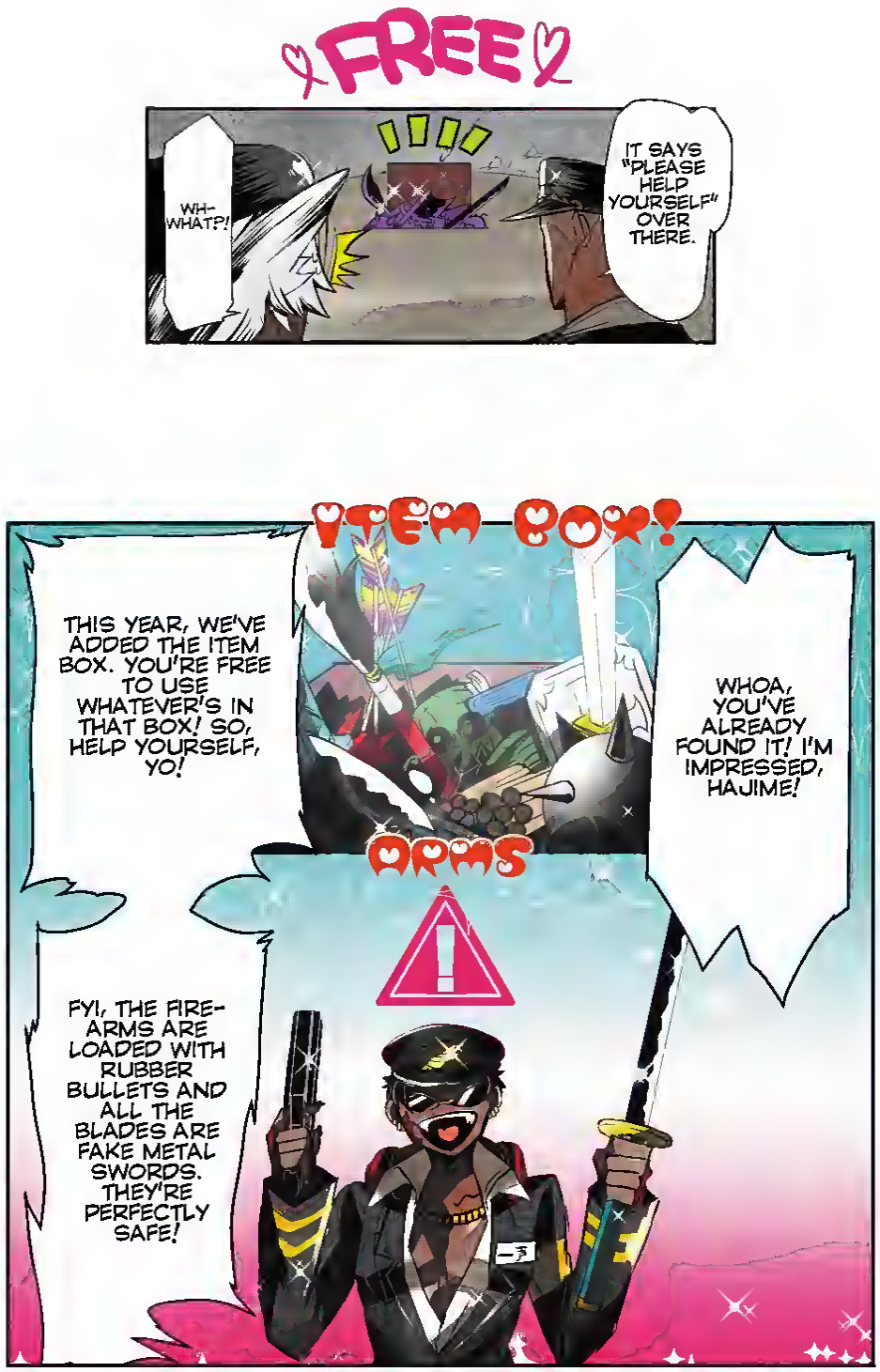
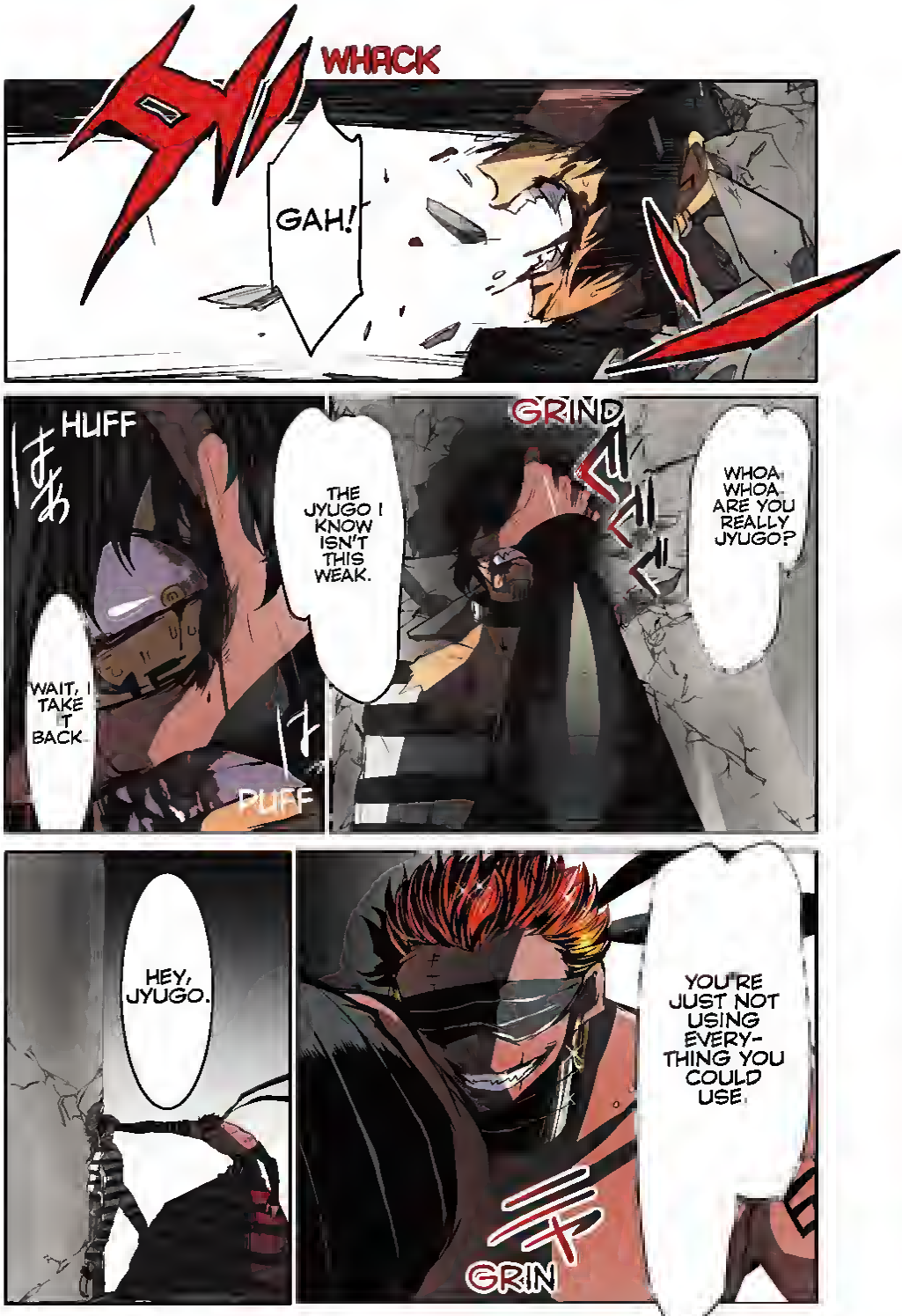
WHIRL
YOU! WHY DO YOU HAVE A GUN?! GUNS ARE ONLY PERMITTED TO CERTAIN PERSONNEL! YOU'RE NOT CLEARED TO CARRY ONE!
OH, THIS?
VVVSSHH


FREE
WH-WHAT?!
IT SAYS "PLEASE HELP YOURSELF" OVER THERE.
ITEM BOX!
THIS YEAR, WE'VE ADDED THE ITEM BOX. YOU'RE FREE TO USE WHATEVER'S IN THAT BOX! SO, HELP YOURSELF, YO!
WHOA, YOU'VE ALREADY FOUND IT! I'M IMPRESSED, HAJIME!
ARMS
FYI, THE FIRE-ARMS ARE LOADED WITH RUBBER BULLETS AND ALL THE BLADES ARE FAKE METAL SWORDS. THEY'RE PERFECTLY SAFE!

CLICK
YOU HEARD HIM. BUT DON'T WORRY, I WON'T HIT YOU.
IT'S JUST AN IDLE THREAT.
THOUGH YOU WOULDN'T DIE, EVEN IF YOU DID GET HIT.

GRIND
YOU CONTINUE TO MOCK THIS FIGHT!
UN-FOR-GIV-ABLE!
GRRRR


WHACK
GAH!
HUFF
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WAIT, I TAKE IT BACK.
PUFF
THE JYUGO I KNOW ISN'T THIS WEAK.
GRIND
WHOA. WHOA. ARE YOU REALLY JYUGO?
HEY, JYUGO.
GRIN
YOU'RE JUST NOT USING EVERY-THING YOU COULD USE.

HAND ME YOUR BLACK SHACKLE.
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DAMN YOU!
YOU STILL HAVEN'T GIVEN UP?!
OF COURSE
I'LL DO ANY-THING TO TAKE IT FROM YOU.
HEH. UNFOR-TU-NATELY, I CAN'T UNLOCK THIS AS I TOLD YOU BEFORE.
IF I COULD, I'D GIVE IT TO YOU RIGHT HERE AND NOW.
THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN UNLOCK IT...

...IS THE MAN WITH THE SCAR ON HIS NECK.
IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?
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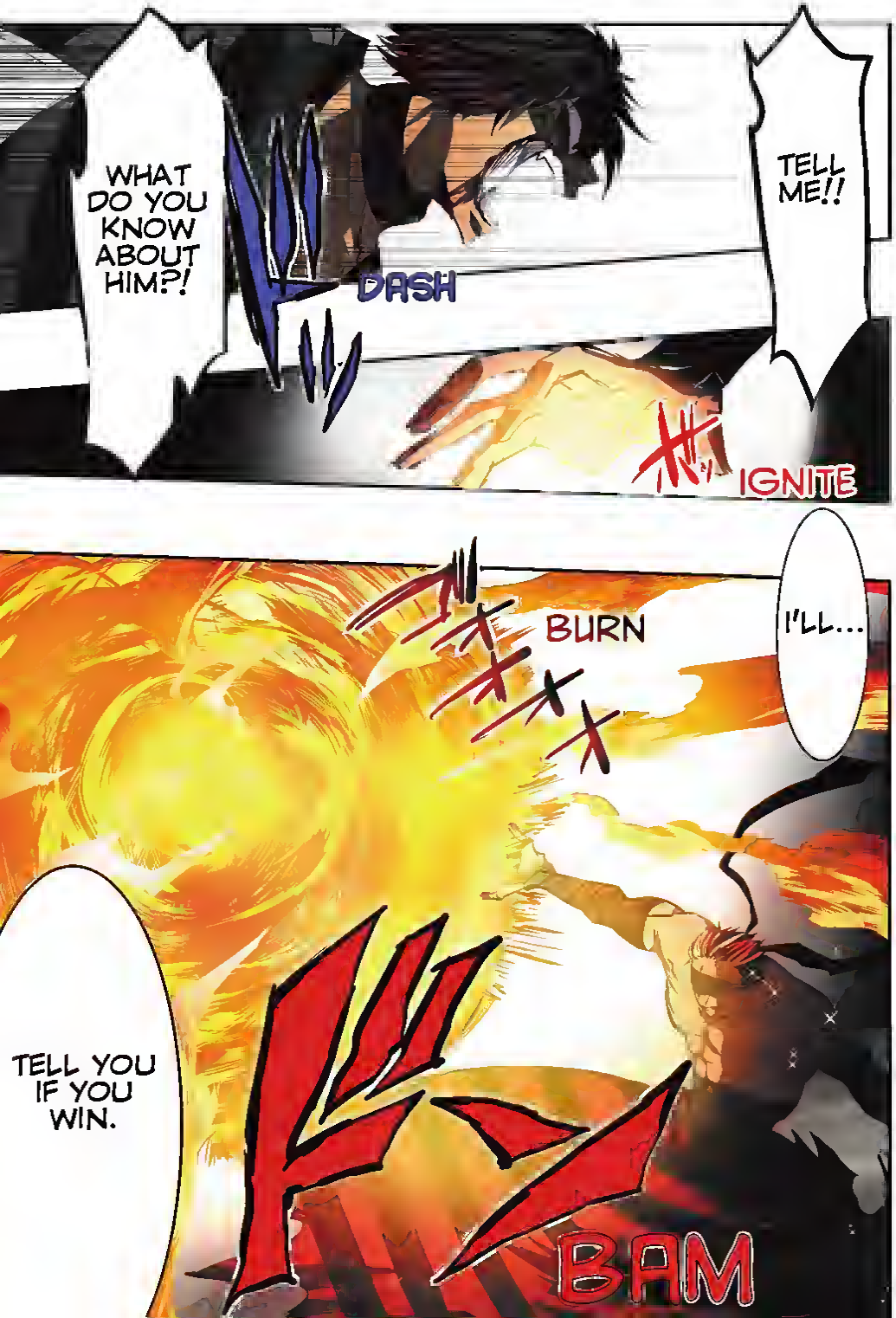
I WILL FIND HIM.

AT ANY COST.

ANSWER ME!!
MUSASHI!!
BURST

MAYBE I CAN SEE IT AGAIN.
IF SO...
YOU'RE FINALLY GETTING SERIOUS.
I GOTTA DO IT.
BOOM


WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT HIM?!
DASH
TELL ME!!
IGNITE
BURN
I'LL...
TELL YOU IF YOU WIN.
BAM

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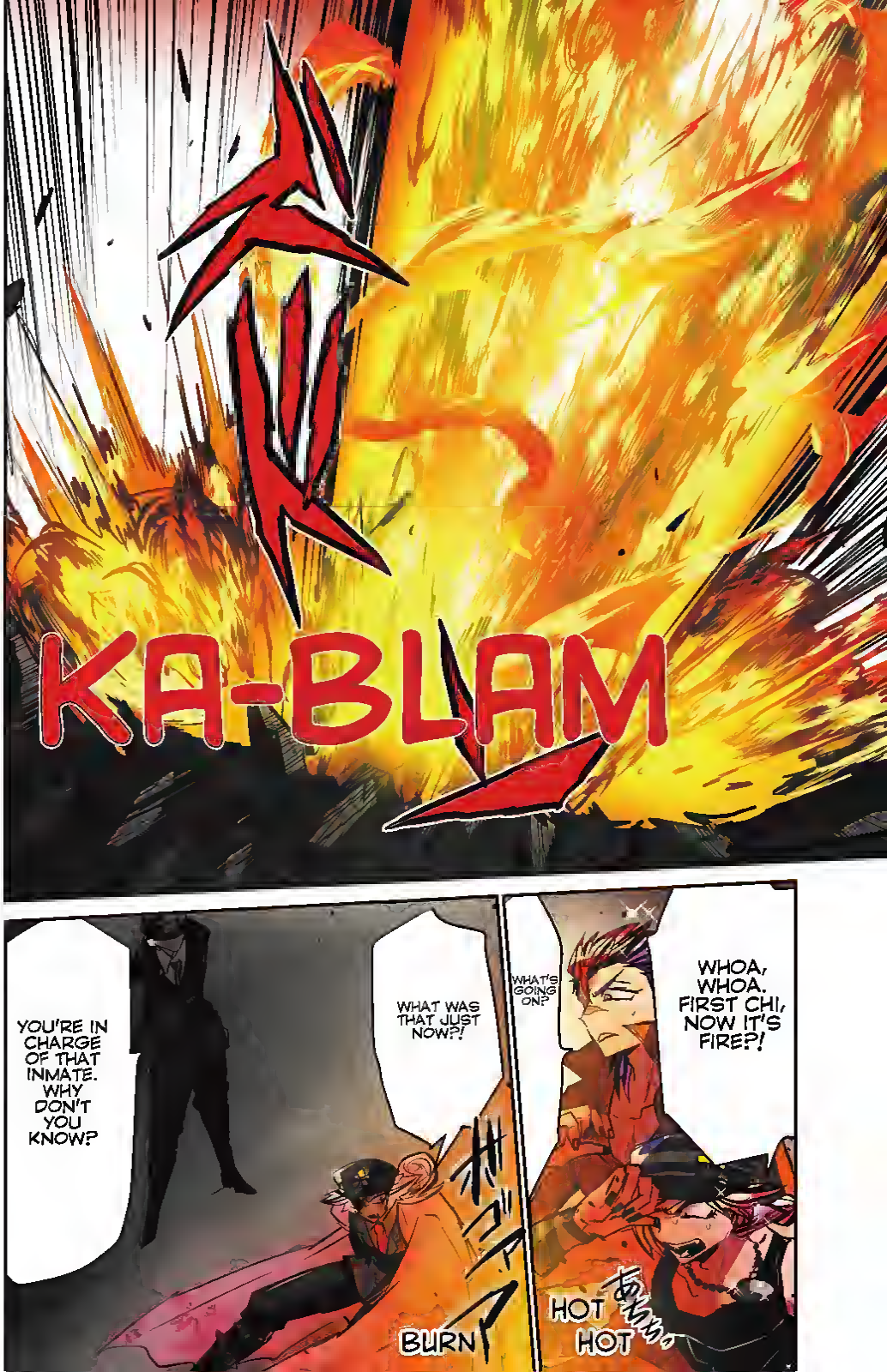
PLAY-
TIME
IS
OVER.

FLARE


KA-BLAM
WHOA, WHOA. FIRST CHI, NOW IT'S FIRE?!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
HOT
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HOT
WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW?!
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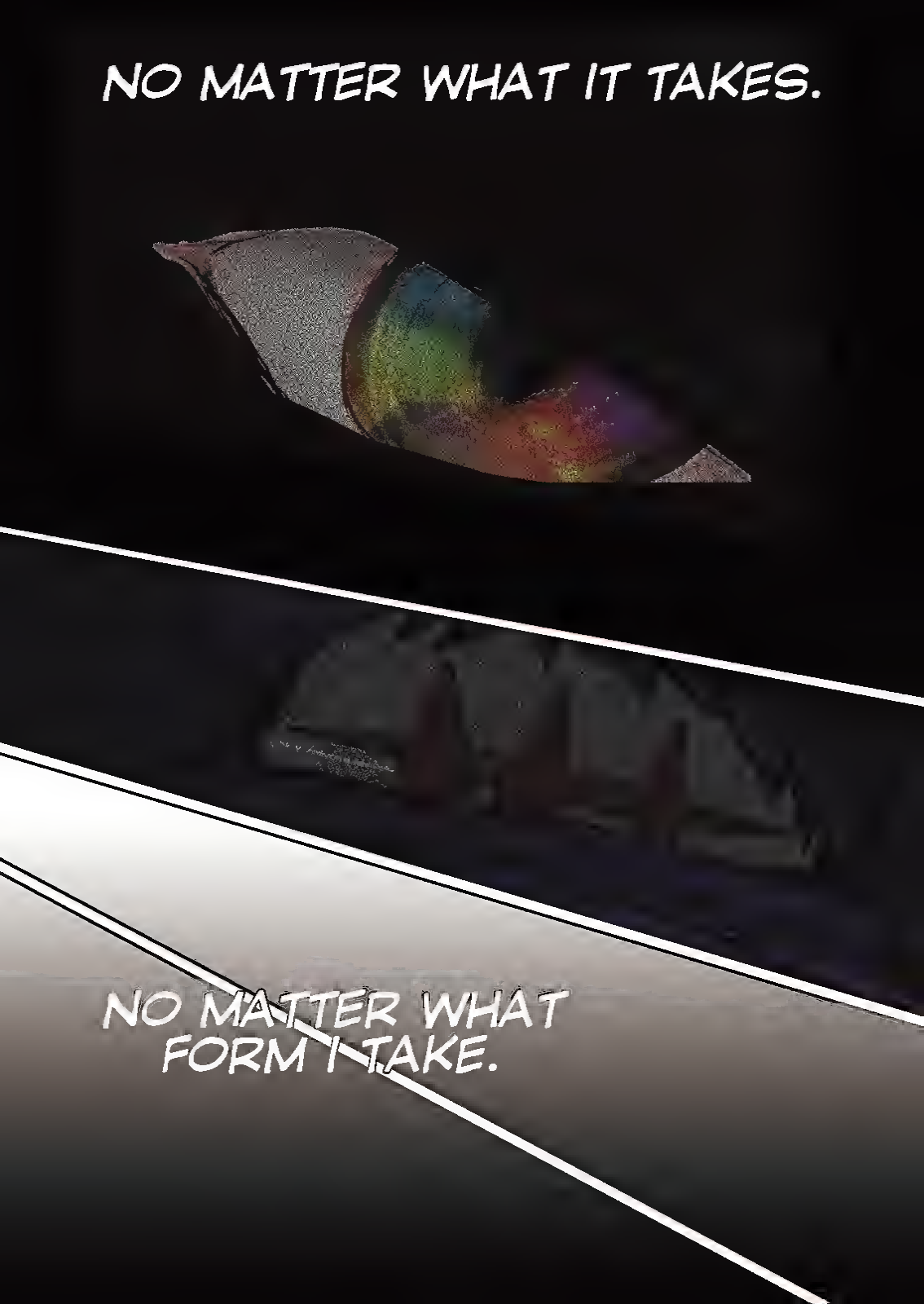
BURN
YOU'RE IN CHARGE OF THAT INMATE. WHY DON'T YOU KNOW?

WELL, SHOW ME.
YOU CAN'T HIDE IT FOREVER.
WHIRL
THIS...
CAN'T BE!

IF I CAN GET ANY INFO ON THAT MAN.

I'LL DO ANY-THING FOR IT.

NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES.

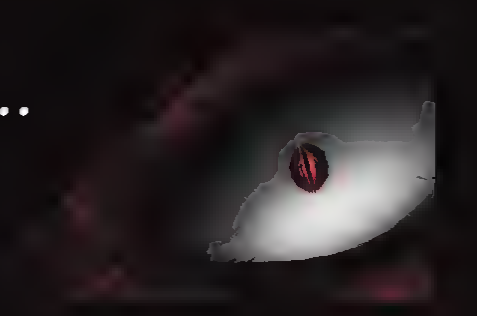


NO MATTER WHAT FORM I TAKE.

WHY DO YOU WAN-NA
FIND THAT MAN,
AND WHY DO YOU WANNA UNLOCK THAT SHACKLE?
ONCE THEY SEE THIS EVERY-ONE WILL BELIEVE...

...HE IS...

...DEFINITELY...



A MONSTER.